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Flow Chem
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Emergency Contact: Kenneth Marks – 337-873-0171

LDEQ contacts:
Chris Calvett – 337-278-7608 (LDEQ Lafayette was on-scene Thursday)
Daniel Lambert – 225-978-7341 (LDEQ)
Kevin Born – 337-212-2251 (LDEQ ER Coordinator)

At 1940 on 5/3/18, the EPA Region 6 Phone Duty Officer was notified of an explosion and fire at the Flow Chem Technologies LLC chemical blending and storage facility via a FEMA Region 6 Watch Spot Report. There was no notification made to the National Response Center, and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) received notification around 1630 on Thursday. Louisiana State Police set up an evacuation zone of 5 miles and shutdown traffic on Highway I-10 in both directions. Follow up with LDEQ revealed that state emergency responders performed community air monitoring that registered non-detects for volatile organic compounds within the evacuated zone. According to Acadia Parish Sheriff, there are no reported injuries from the explosion or fire at this time. The fire was controlled around 2000 hours Thursday evening and the fire water was contained within drainage ditches surrounding the facility and the local fire department created additional berms, but the amount of water is threatening the integrity of these berms. OMI Environmental Solutions has been hired as the clean-up contractor and is on-scene. Vacuum trucks are in route, but are delayed due to the highway I-10 closure. OSC Guidry and START contractors will arrive Friday morning to assess the situation and provide assistance to LDEQ.